

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 749

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Bonnie Wear on the occasion
of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonnie H. Wear is one such estimable person who has served with integrity and acumen for 32 years with the Register of Deeds Office in Loudon County; Bonnie came to work in the Register's Office on September 1, 1970, and served with distinction as Chief Deputy Register for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, after serving for twenty-six years as Loudon County's Register of Deeds, Bonnie's husband, Ralph Wear, retired on December 31, 1996; the Loudon County Commission then appointed Bonnie to finish Ralph's term, and she was subsequently elected in 1998 to serve as Register of Deeds in her own right; and

WHEREAS, during her thirty-two years as a public servant for the good people of Loudon County, Mrs. Wear has seen tremendous growth in Loudon County, which growth has precipitated immense growth in the Register's Office; included in the expansion of the third fastest growing county in East Tennessee is Tellico Village Development (over 4500 acres) and

Rarity Bay Development (over 500 acres); Loudon County has also attracted several new industries, including A.E. Staley Manufacturing, Kimberly Clark, Monterey Mushrooms, and Honda Parts Distribution Plant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonnie Wear is an active and important part of her community and her profession. She worships the Lord as a faithful member of the Blairland Baptist Church in Loudon, where she serves as a member of the Church Choir, as a Sunday School Teacher, and as a member of several committees; and

WHEREAS, a 1961 honors graduate of Loudon High School, Bonnie Harper married Ralph Wear the week following her high school graduation and from that day forward this loving couple has shared many joyful moments, including the birth of their daughter, Sherry Wear; and

WHEREAS, a strong believer in the importance of family, Bonnie grew up as one of twenty-two children in her own family; she is the very proud mother of Sherry (Mrs. Terry Walden), and the loving grandmother of twin grandchildren, Jaida and Chase Walden; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bonnie Wear exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Wear has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her fellow citizens of Loudon County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mrs. Bonnie Wear our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her indelible legacy of astute public service as Register of Deeds of Loudon County and Chief Deputy Register.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.